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Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Letter dated 15 November 2006 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

The implementation of Security Council resolutions 1704 (2006) of 25 August 2006 establishing the follow-on United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT) and 1706 (2006) of 31 August 2006 authorizing a limited expansion of the operations of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (UNMIS) in Darfur will require extensive augmentation of the support infrastructure and the building of sustainment capabilities in both missions.

Despite best efforts over the past two months to manage within existing modalities, to facilitate and support within the envisaged time frames (1) the rapid deployment of police, military and civilian personnel and establish the necessary support infrastructure required in UNMIT, and (2) the rapid deployment of additional capabilities by UNMIS into Darfur, it is necessary for the Secretariat to exercise some flexibility in the application of administrative policies and procedures. I have the honour of informing Member States of the extraordinary measures that I have exceptionally authorized to enable the Secretariat to efficiently and effectively respond to the demands placed upon it in implementing Security Council resolutions 1704 (2006) and 1706 (2006). These measures include the following:

(a) The immediate reassignment of civilian personnel without advertisement of the posts and with, as appropriate, existing delegations of authority, pending completion of the designation process under ST/SGB/2005/7 of 13 April 2005;

(b) Relief from the present three-month limit on temporary deployment of civilian staff;

(c) An immediate increase, if necessary, in the not-to-exceed level of existing main-commodity contracts in particular for fuel, rations, water and accommodation, as well as an increase in the not-to-exceed level of global systems contracts used in support of both missions. Any increase in the not-to-exceed level

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would be proportionate to the increase in anticipated mission strength for a period of no longer than six months;

(d) To enter into letter-of-assist arrangements with non-troop-contributing countries for the provision of immediate logistic support to United Nations personnel from contractors supporting the international security forces in Timor-Leste and the African Union Mission in the Sudan (AMIS) in Darfur. Such arrangements would be expeditiously reviewed by the Procurement Service and the Headquarters Committee on Contracts on a case-by-case basis;

(e) To enter into non-competitive, single-source contracts for the provision of logistic support in the medium term should this be necessary and should insufficient time be available to follow normal procurement procedures, subject to determination on a case-by-case basis by the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations and with the concurrence of the Under-Secretary-General for Management.

Under General Assembly resolution 60/122 B, $1,079.5 million has been appropriated for UNMIS. The Security Council in its resolution 1706 (2006) authorized the United Nations to strengthen AMIS and in this regard the light support package outlined in the Secretary-General's report (S/2006/591) is currently being implemented under the existing approved budget.

The initial commitment authority of $50 million approved by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for UNMIT has been incorporated into my report (A/61/519) requesting a commitment authority totalling $172.5 million for the period from 25 August 2006 to 31 March 2007. This matter is currently being considered on an urgent basis by the legislative bodies. Approval of this interim financing request would facilitate the initial establishment of the Mission's operations in the next few months, which would permit the formulation of more concrete and detailed budgetary proposals for consideration and approval by the General Assembly at the resumed part of its sixty-first session.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**